

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Canceled).

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to Claim 18, wherein the manipulating unit reproduces the predetermined content stored either in the first file or the second file.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein the selecting unit further selects the manipulating unit according to the format of either the first file or the second file, whichever has been selected.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to Claim 18, wherein the manipulating unit transfers either the first file or the second file.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to Claim 4, wherein the selecting unit further selects the manipulating unit according to a setting.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to Claim 18, further comprising a file generator configured to generate the predetermined content of the second format on the basis of the first file.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to Claim 18, further comprising a converter configured to convert either the first file or the second file into a third file for storing the predetermined content in a third format.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to Claim 18, wherein the manipulating unit deletes either the first file or the second file.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): An information processing method comprising:
a record controlling step for controlling with a processor a record in which first data identifies a predetermined content, second data identifies a first file of the predetermined content stored in a first format, and third data identifying a second file of the predetermined content stored in a second format, said first data, second data and third data all corresponding to the predetermined content;

a specifying step for specifying from a content list the predetermined content on the basis of the first data which represents the predetermined content in the content list;

a selecting step for selecting either the first file or the second file in association with the predetermined content specified in the specifying step; and

a manipulating step for manipulating the first file or the second file on the basis of the second data or the third data in association with either the first file or the second file, by controlling an encoding bit rate for the first file or the second file, whichever has been selected.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The information processing method according to Claim 9, wherein the manipulating step reproduces the predetermined content stored in either the first file or the second file.

Claim 11 (Original): The information processing method according to Claim 9, wherein the selecting step further selects the manipulating step in accordance with the format of either the first file or the second file, whichever has been selected.

Claim 12 (Original): The information processing method according to Claim 9, wherein the manipulating step transfers either the first file or the second file.

Claim 13 (Original): The information processing method according to Claim 12, wherein the selecting step further selects the manipulating step in accordance with a setting.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The information processing method according to Claim 9, further comprising a generating step for generating the predetermined content in the second format on the basis of the first file.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The information processing method according to Claim 9, further comprising a converting step for converting either the first file or the second file into a third file for storing the predetermined content in a third format.

Claim 16 (Original): The information processing method according to Claim 9, wherein the manipulating step deletes either the first file or the second file.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): A computer ~~program product~~ readable storage memory having instructions recorded thereon that, when executed by a processor, perform steps comprising:

a record controlling step for controlling via the processor a record in which first data identifies a predetermined content, second data identifies a first file of the predetermined content stored in a first format, and third data identifies a second file of the predetermined content stored in a second format, said first data, second data and third data corresponding to the predetermined content;

a specifying step for specifying from a content list the predetermined content on the basis of the first data which represents the predetermined content in the content list;

a selecting step for selecting either the first file or the second file in association with the predetermined content specifying step; and

a manipulating step for manipulating the first file or the second file on the basis of the second data or the third data in association with either the first file or the second file, by controlling an encoding bit rate for the first file or the second file, whichever has been selected.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): An information processing apparatus comprising:

a storing unit configured to store a plurality of contents in a storage area of a memory;

a database in which a first file ID identifying a first file of a predetermined content stored in a first format and a second file ID identifying a second file of the predetermined content stored in a second format that may be associated with a content ID that identifies the predetermined content;

a content ID specifying unit configured to specify a content ID of the predetermined content when the predetermined content is selected from a content list, wherein the content ID represents the predetermined content in the content list;

a selecting unit configured to select one of the first file and the second file based on the first file ID and the second file ID acquired from the database when the content ID

specified by the content ID specifying unit is associated with the first file ID and the second file ID; and

a manipulating unit configured to manipulate the first file or the second file, by controlling via an encoder an encoding bit rate for the first file or the second file, whichever has been selected.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to Claim 18, further comprising:

a transmitting unit configured to transmit the predetermined content selected from the content list to other apparatus;

wherein said selecting unit select either the first file or the second file according to the format supported by the other apparatus.

Claim 20 (New): An information processing apparatus comprising:

a storing unit configured to store a plurality of content identifications identifying each content in a predetermined format that corresponds with one of the plurality of content identifications;

a display unit configured to display the plurality of content identifications;

a select unit configured to select a predetermined content identification by selecting one of the plurality of content identifications displayed on the display unit;

an acquisition unit configured to acquire a format from another information processing apparatus and operable to operate a predetermined content file identified by the predetermined content identification in the another information processing apparatus; and

a transfer unit configured to transfer the predetermined content file specified by the predetermined content identification selected by the select unit in accordance with the format acquired by the acquisition unit to the another information processing apparatus.

Claim 21 (New): The information processing apparatus according to Claim 20, further comprising:

a conversion unit configured to convert the predetermined content file in the format acquired by the acquisition unit, wherein

the transfer unit is configured to transfer the predetermined content file converted by the conversion unit.

Claim 22 (New): A method for selecting a predetermined content file in a predetermined format, comprising:

storing a plurality of content identifications that identify each content in a predetermined format that corresponds with one of the plurality of content identifications;

displaying on a display unit the plurality of content identifications;

selecting the content identification by selecting one of the plurality of content identifications displayed in said displaying step;

acquiring a format from another information processing apparatus, said format operable to operate the predetermined content file identified by the predetermined content identification in the another information processing apparatus; and

transferring the predetermined content file specified by the predetermined content identification in the selecting step in accordance with the format acquired in the acquiring step to the another information processing apparatus.